

Minutes of Pot Creek System Meeting
4:00 p.m. to 5:55 p.m., March 10, 1971
Uintah County Courthouse, Vernal, Utah

A meeting was held with the Pot Creek water users concerning the distribution of the Pot Creek System in both Utah and Colorado. Those in attendance were:

John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Frank Reese, Controller
Bill Mattern Bill Madson, Colorado State Office
Wm. H. Karren, Colorado water user
Larry Wilson, Utah Fish & Game
Rulon S. Hacking, Utah water user
Scott Rasmussen, water user
M. William Mattern

Donald Norseth, Distribution Engineer
Wesley Signs, Colorado State Office
Julian Massey, Colorado water user
Zelph S. Calder, Utah water user
Bob Nielson, Utah Fish & Game
Don Walker, Utah water user
Tessie P. Calder, water user

Mr. Donald C. Norseth opened the meeting, reviewed the water supply for the year, stressing the point that the water forecast had lowered from 150% as of January 1 to 80-110% as of March 1, and indicated that this change was due to the unusual year in which more snow fell in December with little in January and February. However, with the March storms it appears that the water year will be less than normal but adequate for the system. He then discussed the negotiations with Colorado over the interstate agreement between the State Engineer of Colorado and the State Engineer of Utah wherein Colorado pays 20% of the costs for the system and Utah pays 80% under the assessment system.

After further discussion of general interest such as the completion of Gunlock Dam and Woodruff Dam and the water supplies of these reservoirs and of Utah Lake, Mr. Norseth then stated that there was no chairman of the water users and asked for an election. He further stated that last year Mr. Robert Guy served as chairman and would be willing to do so again. The nomination was made by Larry Wilson that Bob Guy serve as chairman and seconded by William Karren. It was approved by the users. Mr. Guy then explained the items of the meeting and progressed into the 1970 meeting minutes. With no corrections, they were approved as read.

Frank Reese then gave the financial report, and a discussion of expenses followed. The financial report was accepted as read. During the discussion of the financial report, a question was asked concerning the additional trips which required greater expenditures. It was explained that due to an exchange agreement between Calder and the Fish and Game, additional trips had been necessary to assure distribution to the Colorado and the lower users on Pot Creek. The over-expenditure has been approved by the chairman in the previous year.

Mr. Norseth then gave a summary of the 1970 commissioner's report and stated that Mr. Rasmussen was unable to attend due to medical reasons. the report was accepted as given.

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Bill Karren A discussion of the budget followed, and it was pointed out that there was a decrease of \$22 in the bank reserves but that the budget last year, even with the over-expenditure for the extra trips, would probably be adequate for 1971. However, the assessment was less than the budget in 1970 and probably should be made to cover the budget. The motion was made by ~~Bill Larson~~ the the budget be the same as last year, \$390, and was seconded by Bob Nielson. The motion carried. The motion was made by Larry Wilson that the 1971 assessment be \$390 and was seconded by Scott Rasmussen. The motion carried.

Some discussion of the availability of men for the commissioner job for the area was held, and it was stated that as the area was so remote, Vernal was probably still the best place to select a commissioner. It was noted that the State of Colorado now has a commissioner in Brown's Park who resides next to the Radosavitch ranch. Probably in another year or in the future it would be wise to consider the use of this man as he is presently on the payroll of Colorado and such a situation would bring the cost for salary down. It was agreed that in 1971 the system continue as in the past. The motion was made by Bob Nielson and seconded by Bill Karren that Dave Rasmussen be retained as commissioner. The motion carried.

Further discussion was held during which Mr. Calder requested a more equitable solution to the assessment in 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

John Bene, Secretary

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Copies sent to: Robert Guy, Area Engineer